

at Constantinople railroad stations when daily there is an influx of aged refugees and children from frontier villages. Four thousand refugees from Adrianople and Kirk Killiseh arrived to-day.

**Flight Hand-to-Hand.**  
Vranja, Serbia, October 25.—One incident of the battle which resulted in the capture of Kumanova by the Serbians indicates the desperate character of the conflict. A company of Serbian infantry charged the Turks with the bayonet and the hand-to-hand struggle developed into individual combats, in which many of the soldiers dropped rifles and drew knives with which they backed and slashed one another.

## COURT TO DECIDE STATUS OF LAND

Question at Issue Is if Loose Rock Is Real Estate or Personality.

What is the standing of loose rock and earth taken from a cut and spread over a field? Is it real estate or personal property?

There are questions, the necessity for answering which was brought by the Supreme Court on its own head yesterday when it allowed a writ of error to the Circuit Court of Culpeper County in the case of M. E. R. Smith against E. Jackson Esq. In 1903 the Southern Railway was double tracking its road-way. It had to make a deep cut just south of the town of Culpeper, and wanted a place to put the material taken from the ground. A contract was made with S. Russell Smith, owner of adjoining property, by which the railroad was to put the earth, rock and dust over his land, which it proceeded to do over two acres. At first it was dirt, then it became pieces of rock after blasting was resorted to. Smith got \$1,100. He said that after the work was over he was offered \$500 for the loose rock, but did not take it. He gave deeds of trust on his property, which were later foreclosed. On the day the land was to be sold, it is stated, he deeded the material put on his land by the railroad, to his wife. The land was bought by Esq. Jackson, who defended a suit brought by Mrs. Smith to make him pay for the rock.

In his petition for an appeal, Esq. Jackson argues that land is ground and everything on it, including trees, herbage, water, from the bowels of the earth up to the blue skies above. Mrs. Smith sued for \$8,000, and the jury gave her \$2,500. The Supreme Court will hear the case later.

The court also allowed an appeal in the case of A. H. Wardell, et al., against M. L. Birdsong, et al., from the Circuit Court of Sussex County. Wardell said he was a stranger and that John G. Hawley took him in by selling him land at Waverly, supposed to contain 200 acres, but really having only ninety-four acres. He built a house on what he thought was his land, but it turned out to belong to somebody else. Hawley bought the land on which the house was situated, and deeded it to Wardell. The lower court ruled that it was a contract of fraud, and Wardell appeals.

## BECOMES RAVING MANIAC.

Widow of Murdered Man, Frank Howl, Confined in Jail.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., October 25.—Mrs. Roxie Howl, widow of Frank Howl, who was murdered in the Piny River section of Nelson County, several years ago by John Moore, who had been living at Buena Vista for several years, was brought to a local hospital last night for treatment, and during the night became a raving maniac. The woman was for a time a menace to herself and other patients in the hospital, and she had to be removed to the jail for safety. She probably will be sent to the Western State Hospital, at Staunton.

Three years ago Mrs. Howl was charged, along with John Moore, with the murder of her husband, Frank Howl, by poisoning in the Piny River section of Nelson County. She was acquitted, but later Moore upon second trial was convicted and sentenced to electrocution. Before Moore could be transferred to Richmond, he was rescued by friends, and has never since been recaptured. It has since been stated that Moore was killed by a relative in the mountain section of Nelson, for alleged mistreatment of a cousin of the fugitive.

## TWENTY-ONE FINED

Business People Fail to Pay Their State License Taxes.

Fines of \$10 each were imposed upon twenty-one persons and firms yesterday by the jury in the Hustings Court for failing to pay their State license taxes last year. More than 100 persons, men and women, in all walks of life, were indicted some time ago and most of them came forward and paid up and escaped trial.

Those fined yesterday were as follows: Samuel Abraham, Beecher & Bongers, Clay & Co., Dora Dixon, John Foxell, Samuel Hopkins, Georgia Hicks, Philip Holmes, J. L. Ingersoll (two cases), Mrs. M. H. Lewis, Henry Miles, J. T. Lipton, Joseph Jones, D. D. Smith, Abram Smith, C. E. Stevens, G. N. Skelton, W. O. Urley, Charles Washington, Charles White and Lee Woodson.

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## U.S. MAIL SERVICE COSTS VAST SUM

Estimates for Next Year Greater Than for Any Other Branch of Government.

Washington, October 25.—For the support of their postal service the people of the United States next year will pay \$283,895,769, far more than for any other branch of the government service. Estimates forwarded to-day to the Treasury Department by Postmaster-General Hitchcock of appropriations necessary to the operation of the Post-Office Department during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1913, propose an increase of \$12,086,993 over the appropriations of the current fiscal year.

Mr. Hitchcock is the first Cabinet officer to complete his estimates, which aggregate \$281,791,598 for the postal service at large, exclusive of \$2,104,260 for the department in Washington. Nearly \$1,000,000 of the increase will be required to put into effect the postal examination legislation enacted this year. It is estimated that \$7,340,000 will be needed for the parcels post system, \$1,350,000 to meet the conditions required under the new eight-hour law, \$500,000 to provide for the reclassification of railway mail clerks, and \$150,000 to establish the new village free delivery service.

Only \$2,600,000 is added to current appropriations, representing an increase of less than 1 per cent, which is the lowest actual rate of increase in the history of the postal service.

The largest item in the estimates is \$18,660,000, needed to pay the railways for carrying the mails. This is an increase of \$2,015,000, of which \$1,655,000 will be required to meet additional expenses resulting from the establishment of the parcels post.

For salaries in the railway mail service an estimate of \$24,739,550 was submitted, or \$1,296,450 more than last year. The increase is necessary to put into effect the reclassification of railway postal clerks, providing annual promotions for the thousands of employees in this branch of the service.

The amount estimated for postmasters' salaries is \$20,250,000 and for assistant postmasters, post-office clerks and other post-office employees, \$43,200,000, an increase in the two items of \$630,000.

For city delivery service \$31,560,000 is asked, representing an increase of \$2,075,000, needed to pay the increase in the cost of carrying the mails. This is an increase of \$2,015,000, of which \$1,655,000 will be required to meet additional expenses resulting from the establishment of the parcels post.

Mr. Hitchcock submits an estimate of \$47,500,000 to maintain and extend the rural delivery service, an increase of \$500,000. This service now covers over a million miles of rural and city routes, carrying the mails to the homes of 20,000,000 people in the rural districts of the United States.

Adequate provision is made in the estimates to meet the normal growth of the postal savings system. There are now in operation more than 13,000 postal savings depositories, and the deposits aggregate about \$23,000,000.

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## SUFFRAGE LEAGUE CONVENTION ENDS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Norfolk, Va., October 25.—With speeches by Nathaniel T. Greene, the Bull Moose nominee for Congress in the Second District, and Percy S. Stephenson, another third party man, the Equal Suffrage League ended its State convention here to-night.

Mrs. E. B. Valentine, told of the work done before the last Legislature, when the advocates of the measure did not expect to get their bill out of the committee, but they did, and woman suffrage was debated on the floor.

Lynchburg was chosen as the next meeting place and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Beverly B. Valentine, Richmond; vice-presidents, Miss Mary Johnston, Richmond; Mrs. John H. Lewis, Lynchburg; Mrs. Walter J. Williams, Norfolk; Mrs. C. V. Meredith, Richmond; Mrs. Stephen Putney, Wytheville; recording secretary, Mrs. George N. Smith, Richmond; treasurer, Mrs. E. G. Kilduff, Richmond; auditor, Mrs. John S. Munce, Richmond; honorary vice-presidents, Miss Ellen Glasgow, Richmond; Mrs. Kate Langley Boster, Richmond; Mrs. Louis Collier, Norfolk; chairman legislative committee, Miss Eloise Johnson, Richmond; chairman press committee, Mrs. Dexter Otley, Lynchburg; chairman church committee, Mrs. George Harvey Clark, Richmond.

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## THE WEATHER.

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Saturday and Sunday.

## TROPICARE LEAVES FOR TRIP TO CUBA

Washington Fears Intervention Will Be Necessary in Island Republic.

## FEELING IS AT HIGH PITCH

Opposing Political Forces Clash in Havana, and Rebellion Is Threatened.

Havana, October 25.—A brisk battle between Conservatives and Liberals, during which several hundred shots were fired and a number of people fatally wounded, broke out after midnight in Central Park, in the heart of the city. The fight was the result of a meeting of supporters of Vice-President Alfredo Zayas, who is a candidate for the presidency. Mounted police charged repeatedly with drawn sabres.

The crowd of Zayas adherents halted in front of the Asbert Club, a saloon at the window. The shots were returned from balconies of the club by supporters of General Asbert, Conservative candidate for the governorship of Havana. The total of the wounded was about forty.

Immediately after the firing had ceased the police raided the Asbert Club and made a search for weapons. They arrested several members. This probably will intensify political animosity, as it is openly charged that the police are acting as a tool of the government and actively assisting the followers of Zayas.

Havana is quiet to-night, but there is a strong undercurrent of excitement and dread of a repetition of the bloody scenes of last night. The cavalry guard was withdrawn from Central Park to-day and replaced by a strong force of police, who are not permitting any gatherings in groups.

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